

# Riffat consolidates further

**Sports Reporter**

Over the spirited Shahnoor Hossain of Dhaka Metropolitan in the seventeenth national chess championship yesterday at the National Sports Council chess room.

Riffat further consolidated his position at the top of the points table with full six points from a many matches.

Playing with white pieces, Riffat opted for Petrof defence and put tremendous pressure over his opponent in their sixth round game yesterday.

Despite enjoying some early opening moments, Shahnoor finally succumbed in the 27th move under immense pressure.

Riffat's teammate Rani Hamid kept up her surprise challenge for the top honour when she defeated Sheikh Anwar Hossain of Dhaka in her sixth round match yesterday.

Rani, the International Women's master who did not fare well in this year's women's national meet where she finished a poor fourth, has

moved up to occupy the second position with four-and-a-half points from six matches.

Reigning national champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman, also of Dhaka and Ziaul Kader Tuhin of Dhaka Metropolitan were jointly occupying the third position with four points from six matches.

Tahmid and Tuhin playing each other in yesterday's match, finally settled down for a tame draw.

In other sixth round matches Younus Hasan of Bangladesh Ansars, in a clash with Shaikat unbeat champion

**Shawkat unbeat champion**

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Shawkat Hossain Pallab of Motri Samaj Kalyan Sangha emerged unbeat champion in Kendrabindu Open chess championship, organised by Kendrabindu Khelaghar Aasar yesterday at the Mugdapa, Dhaka.

Pallab, who earned full five points from as many matches, defeated Kazal of Pratibha Samaj Kalyan Sangha in his last match yesterday.

Mizanur Rahman Labu finished second with four-and-a-half points.

of veterans, defeated Biman's Rezaul Haque. Moinuddin Mamoon scored an upset win over Ansar's Khandakar Kayes Hasan.

Ansar's former national champion Jamilur Rahman notched up victory over Shamsul Kabir Chowdhury of Dhaka Metropolitan.

Ansar Rahman of Dhaka Metropolitan also won his yesterday's encounter against Shahabuddin Ahmed Qureshi of Sylhet.

Women's national champion Sabana Parveen Nipa of Faridpur drew with Sheikh Shahadat Hossain Ratno in the day's other match.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Riffat-bin-Sattar vs Khandakar Kayes Hasan

Rezaul Haque vs Sheikh Shahadat Hossain

Younus Hasan vs Shahnoor Hossain

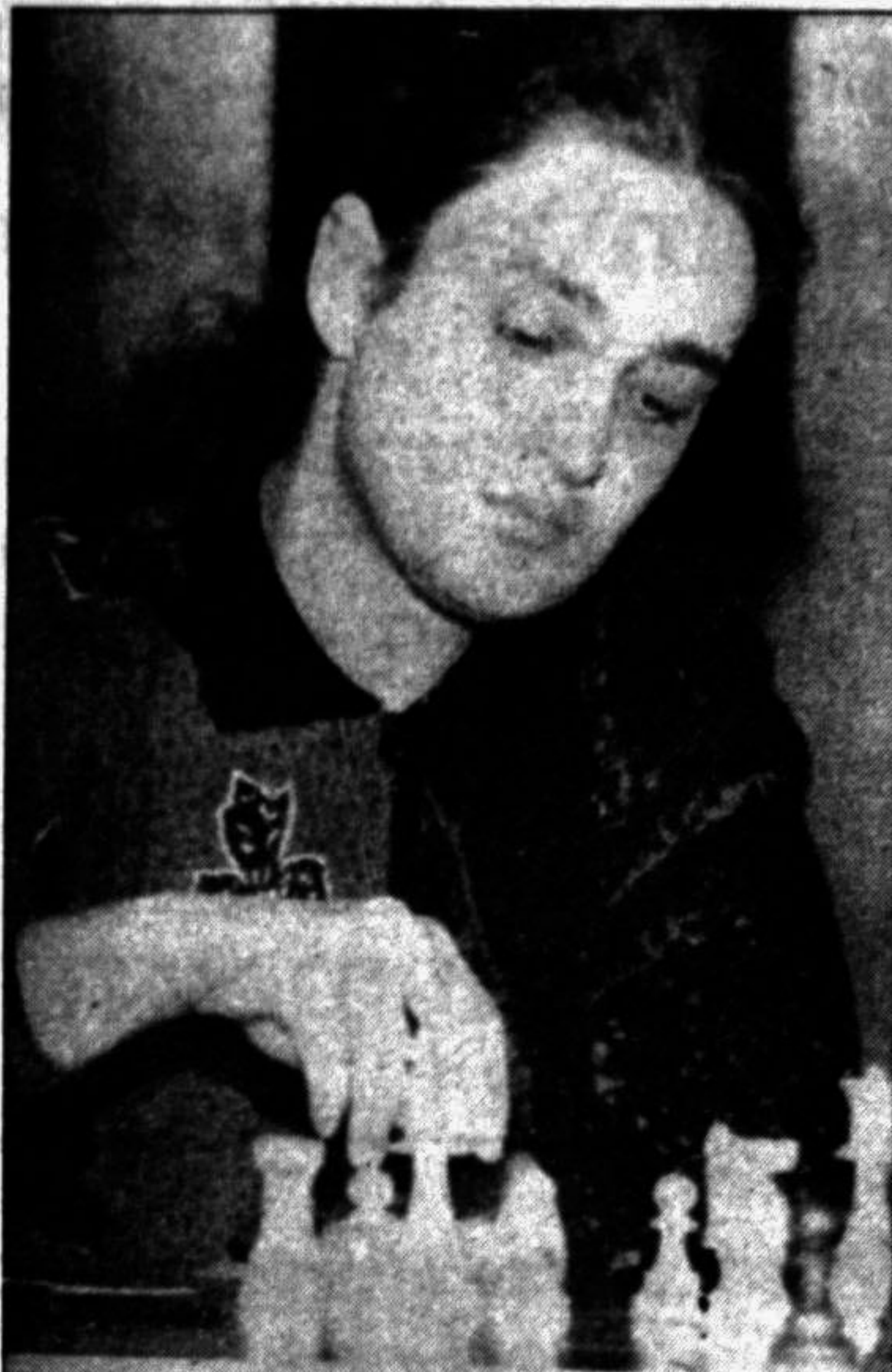
Moinuddin Mamoon vs Shamsul Kabir

Jamilur Rahman vs S A Qureshi

Rani Hamid vs Ansar Rahman

Ziaul Kader Tuhin vs Sheikh Anwar Hossain

Tahmidur Rahman vs Shabana Parveen



Women's world chess champion Maya Chiburdanidze of the Soviet Union makes a move against challenger Xie Jun of China to win the fourth game tying the score 2-2. Chiburdanidze 30, a medical graduate from the Georgian Republic defeated Xie in 56 moves in the 16-games world women's championship match in Manila on Oct 20.

## Chiburdanidze levels score

**MANILA, Oct 3:** Xie tenaciously defended her position in another Ruy Lopez game by threatening to sacrifice her bishop to stop the pawn from getting to a queening square, but was eventually unable to prevent Chiburdanidze from promoting the pawn and losing the game.

The call challenger, who is trying to break over six decades of Soviet dominance over women's chess, had blitzed Chiburdanidze on Monday in the third game to seize the lead in their battle for the title.

The first two games had ended in draws. The fifth game will be played on Friday.

The first player to score 8.5 points wins the championship. One win counts for a point and a draw for half a point. Chiburdanidze retains the title in case of an 8 8 tie.

## Logie is Windies vice captain for Sharjah

**BRIDGETOWN, Oct 3:** Gus Logie is to be vice-captain of West Indies on the first two tours of their 1991-92 programme but Viv Richards was not included in the squads named on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Opening batsman Gordon Greenidge was also overlooked for the trip to Sharjah for a one-day tournament this month and a short visit to Canada for a limited-overs match in November.

West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) said nothing about former captain Richards nor Greenidge when announcing the squads but a spokesman confirmed Richards was available for the two tours.

Richards, who retired as captain after the recent Test series in England and has been succeeded by Richie Richardson, may have been left out to give young middle order batsmen Brian Lara and Keith Arthurton the chance to establish their places for the future.

Richards has said he has played his last Test, though he is available for the World Series one-day competition in Australia later this year and the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next February and March, and may be brought back for these tournaments.

Fast bowler Malcolm Marshall and opener Desmond Haynes are also missing from

the touring teams but WICBC said the pair had stated they would be unavailable for both tours "well in advance of the teams' selection."

Trinidadian Logie rises to

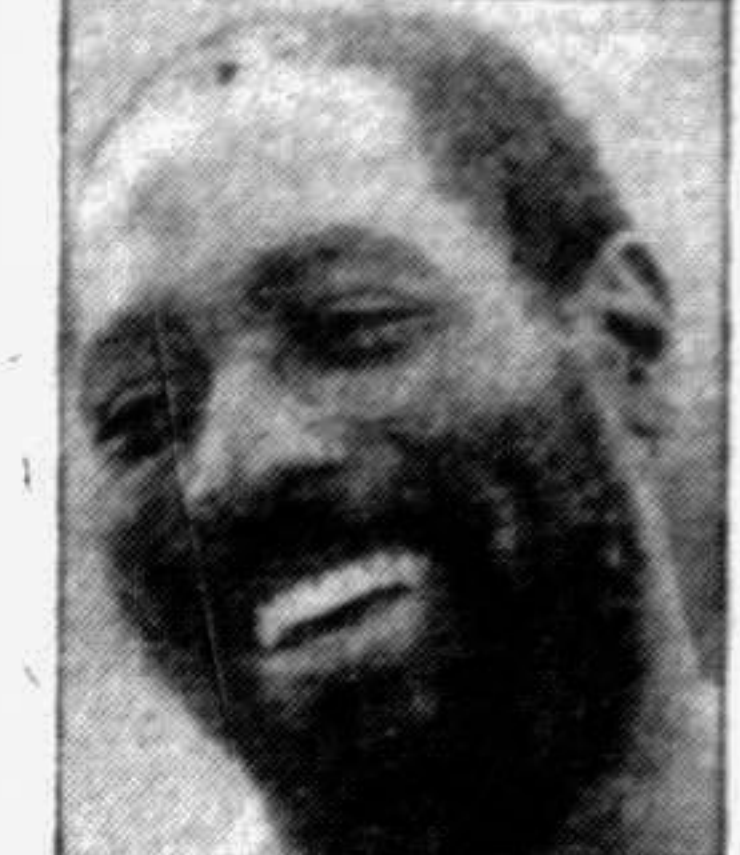
the teams for the forthcoming one-day tournaments, as well as the World Cup.

**THE SQUAD**

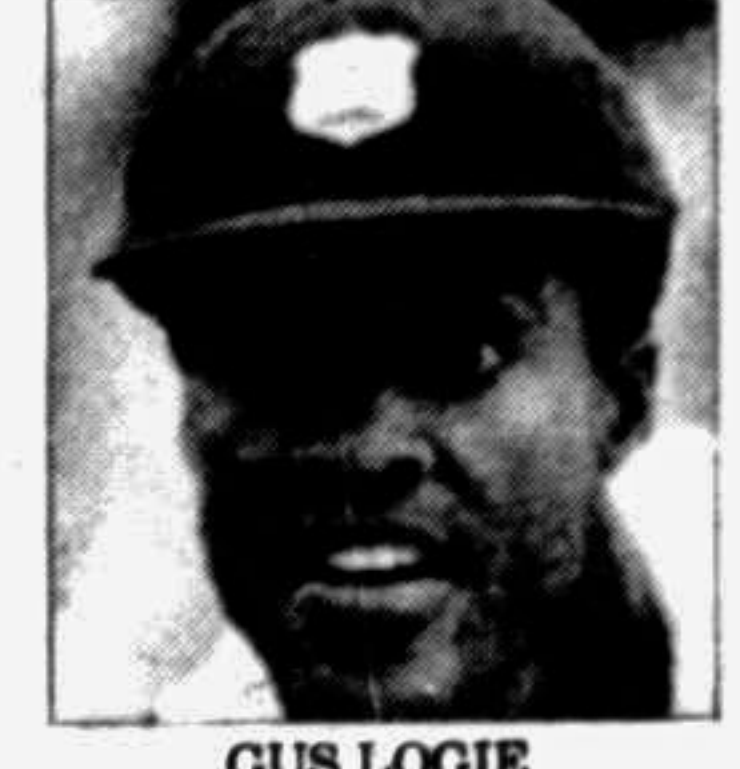
The squad for Sharjah, where one-day matches will be played against India and Pakistan, is:

Richie Richardson (captain), Gus Logie (vice-captain), Phil Simmons, Clayton Lambert, Carl Hooper, Brian Lara, Keith Arthurton, Jeff Dujon, Curtly Ambrose, Ian Bishop, Patrick Patterson, Winston Benjamin, Courtney Walsh, Anderson Cummins.

The team for a match against a Rest of the World XI in Toronto on November 2 comprises Richardson (captain), Logie, Simmons, Lambert, Hooper, Lara, Arthurton, Dujon, Ambrose, Bishop, Patterson, Benjamin.



VIV RICHARDS



GUS LOGIE

**Irani Cup scores**

**FARIDABAD, Haryana, Oct 3:** Rest of India were 321 for three at close in their first innings against Haryana on the opening day of the five-day Irani Cup cricket match at the Nahar Singh Stadium here Wednesday, reports PTI.

Scores: Rest of India - 321 for three (W V Raman 149, Vinod Kamble 116).

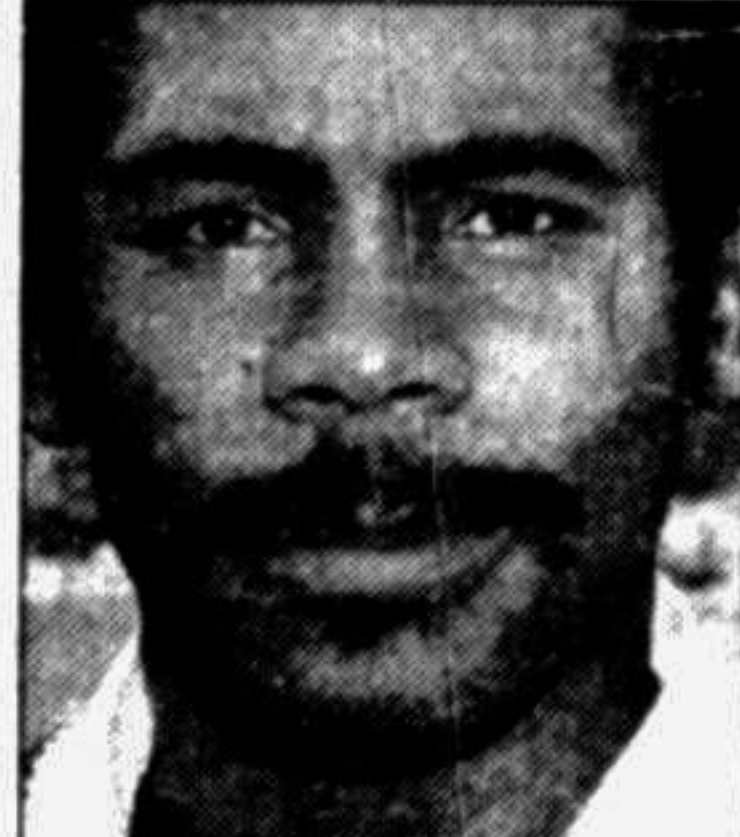
## Black Springboks for Aussie academy

**ADELAIDE, Oct 3:** Two young Black South African cricketers mark the start of the republic's return to the sport next Wednesday when they begin a month-long coaching programme at Australia's premier cricket academy, reports Reuter.

Walter Masemola, 16, a pace bowler from Johannesburg, and Leslie Duiker, 17, a left-arm all-rounder from Bloemfontein, will stay at the Australian Institute of Sport's academy until November 7.

Sponsored by the Australian government, their programme includes a trip to Queensland later this month for a match against a Queensland colts side.

While at the academy the teenagers will be guided by head coach and former Test wicketkeeper Rod Marsh.



GORDON GREENIDGE the vice-captaincy after giving stalwart service as a middle-order batsman over 52 Tests.

**BISHOP IS BACK**

Fast bowler Ian Bishop, who missed West Indies' last two Test series against Australia and England with a back injury, is recalled.

Former Test wicket keeper Derryck Murray will manage

## De Silva to lead on Pak tour

**COLOMBO, Oct 3:** Prolific run-getter Aravinda de Silva will captain the Sri Lankan team on their tour of Pakistan in December, reports AFP.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka decided to retain 26-year-old De Silva as captain and appointed a former Test captain Duleep Mendis as team manager, Board officials said today.

De Silva, who led Sri Lanka for the first time on their one-Test tour of England earlier this year, has scored five centuries, the record by a Sri Lankan, since making his Test debut in 1984.

## Graf's new milestone



STEFFI GRAF

**LEIPZIG, Germany, Oct 3:** German world number two Steffi Graf became the youngest woman player to win 500 singles matches in professional tennis on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Wimbledon champion Graf defeated Czechoslovak Petra Langrova 6-0, 6-1 in the second round of the Leipzig tournament to reach the landmark at the age of 22 years three months.

Chris Evert previously held the record after winning her 500th match at the US Open in 1977 at 22 years nine months.

Graf, who needed to play 24 more matches to set the record, said: "For me it's a milestone. It's a long time since I won my first match."

## Fed Cup soccer resumes today

The round-robin league matches of the 11th Federation Cup Football tournament begin next Monday at the Dhaka National Stadium, reports UNB.

The tournament committee has announced the grouping and complete fixture of the tournament.

The participating teams are:

Group 1: Mohammedan SC, Mukti Joddha Sangsad, Champions of Group B (winners of PWD SC and Wanderers Club), Champions of Group C (winners of Fakirpool YC and Victoria SC), Group 2: Gani KC, Brothers Union, Champions of Group A (winners of BRTC and Dhanmondi Club) and Champions of Group D (winners of Bangladesh Army and Farashganj SC).

Defending champions Mohammedan SC will take on the group C champions (winners of Fakirpool Youngmen's Club and Victoria SC) in the opening match at 4 pm. Mukti Joddha Sangsad will face the champions of Group B (winners of PWD SC and Wanderers Club) at 6 pm.

**Abahani champs**

Abahani Krira Chakra of Rajshahi was declared champions in the Rajshahi second Coca Cola First Division football league by the District Sports Association yesterday.

## At stake, \$1m, and a world mark...

**JAKARTA, Oct 3:** Morocco's Said Aouita and Britons Steve Cram and Peter Elliott are in a formidable field of middle distance runners, chasing a fortune tonight in an event labelled the "million dollar mile," reports Reuter.

The million dollars will be awarded to anyone in the field of 11 runners who can break Cram's world record of 3:46:32, set six years ago.

"We have to be realistic," Cram said, admitting that end-of-season tiredness and Jakarta's hot and humid climate were not ideal conditions for a world record attempt.

Cram said he had come to Indonesia seeking an opportunity to erase the humiliation of a poor performance in Tokyo, even though world champion Noureddine Morceli of Algeria is not competing.

"We are not here to purely think of the million dollars. There is pride as well," the Briton said.

Elliott also hoped to finish the season on a high note after missing the world championships through injury.

"At the end of the day, I would swap a million dollars for a world championship title," he said with a wry smile.

Race co-ordinator Ray Flynn

said the event probably carried the richest athletics prize ever. Runners are also being paid an undisclosed amount of appearance money.

Flynn felt the quality of the field could be assessed by the pacemakers. Top Kenyan William Tanui will take over after Australia's Pat Scammell leads through the first two laps.

Also in the field are Olympic 1,500 metres champion Peter Rono of Kenya and bronze medallist Jens-Peter Herold of Germany.

World pole vault record holder Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union and long jump record holder Mike Powell,

## Women spikers for SAF Games

A women's volleyball team from Bangladesh is likely to participate in the forthcoming 5th South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo December 22-31, reports UNB.

The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) and the Youth and Sports Ministry are learnt to have agreed to send a 16-member women's volleyball team in response to a request made by the organisers, National Sports Council (NSC) sources said yesterday.

India, the Maldives and hosts Sri Lanka will contest in the event. Pakistan has refused to participate while Nepal has so far made no response.

Bangladesh will participate in all the ten disciplines of the SAF Games. The events are: athletics, football, basketball,

## Spirited S African ousts Lendl

**SYDNEY, Oct 3:** By all reckoning, South Africa's Wayne Ferreira should have been easy fodder for Ivan Lendl at the Australian Indoor tennis championships Thursday, reports AP.

On one side: the third-seeded Lendl, the most successful player in the history of the tournament, with three titles and five finals, and a bevy of Grand Slam titles in the past decade.

On the other, a 20-year-old Johannesburg native ranked 64th in the world, with no victories against any top 10 player and an injured ankle.

"The doctors said I shouldn't even be playing," said Ferreira. But play he did, upending a flat-footed and dispirited Lendl 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 and advancing to the quarter-finals of the one million dollar tournament at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

Ferreira had to default from his second-round match against Pete Sampras at the US Open because of damaged

ligaments in the right ankle. He was told to take four to six weeks off the tour, but he came to Sydney nonetheless, anxious to play in some late-season tournaments.

"It doesn't really hurt when I'm playing," said Ferreira. "Only between changeovers, when it really throbs."

The only one hurting after the match was Lendl, whose array of mistimed shots, shallow lobs and poor serves gave him an early exit from a tournament he always has excelled in.

Lendl double-faulted to lose the first set, rode a strong serve back to take the second, then watched as Ferreira, perhaps sensing an upset, never let up in the decider.

The pair held services almost throughout the set, but Ferreira broke Lendl in the 12th game to advance to a quarterfinal meeting with American Brad Gilbert on Friday.

Ferreira came to the net for the only time on his first match feebly into the net.

The South African, who

plays golf to a 7 handicap and also enjoys soccer and badminton, made no mistake on his second match point. His hard shot to the back of the court was returned well long, and Ferreira, on the tour for only two years, had his biggest victory.

Their only previous meeting was in Memphis in February, when Ferreira lost 7-5 in the third set. That result gave him all the confidence he needed on Thursday.

"I think he (Lendl) might have been a bit scared," Ferreira said. "I was playing very confidently, and he was not."

Lendl was philosophical in defeat.

"You win some and you lose some," he said. "You've just got to accept it."

The veteran Czechoslovak player said that it was becoming more and more difficult to come back to the tour after a prolonged layoff. He has been sidelined for nearly four months this year with injuries and family duties - his wife recently gave birth to twins.

# Inter Milan, Liverpool bite the dust in European meet

**MANILA, Italy, Oct 3:** Italy's UEFA Cup holders Inter Milan and Scottish champions Rangers crashed at the first hurdle in their respective European Cup tournaments on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Uninspired Inter Milan parted company from this year's UEFA Cup competition when they were held to a goalless draw at home by Portuguese opponents Boavista. And Rangers were sunk by an own-goal late in extra-time of their Champions' Cup clash with Sparta Prague.

Boavista, who beat Inter 2-1 in Portugal two weeks ago, showed no respect for their illustrious opponents, they did not stand on ceremony inside the intimidating San Siro Stadium and constantly thwarted the Inter Milan forwards with non-nonsense and robust tackles whenever their opponents approached the danger zone.

In fact British referee Mr Gunn had to show the yellow card to four Boavista players - Sousa, Marlon Brandao, Casaca, Goinames.

The star-studded Inter midfield of German international Lothar Matthaus and Nicola Bertl, never got to grips with the job in hand, and

consequently strikers Jurgen Klinsmann and Massimo Ciocci were too isolated up front to apply any real pressure on Boavista keeper, Pudar.

**UNPARDONABLE MISTAKE**

In Glasgow, the partisan Rangers fans went wild when Stuart McCall hit two goals but they were silenced when Scott Nisbet slid a harmless looking cross past his own goalkeeper Andy Gormam.

The heart-breaking mistake meant that although the Scottish champions own the match 2-1 - they lost the tie on away goals. Sparta won the first leg 1-0.

McCall scored his first goal for his club two minutes into the second half when Ally McCosist beat Sparta keeper Petr Kouba to a loose ball and turned it back for the former Everton player to drill home.

The red-haired midfielder then scored his second three minutes into extra time - substitute John Spencer, a replacement for McCosist after 90 minutes, using his fresh legs to set up McCall who hit home a spectacular waist-high volley.

It should have been enough to take Rangers into a money-spinning second-round tie - but Nisbet and Gormam spoiled celebrations.

Rangers could have prevented extra-time but a mag-

nificent McCall shot in the 76th minute was tipped over the bar by Kouba.

It was an altogether dismal night for the other Scottish clubs on duty.

A dramatic late rally earned Motherwell a 3-1 win over Polish opponents Katowice in the Cup Winners' Cup - but it was not enough to seal their passage into the second round.

And Aberdeen, who had already lost the home leg of their UEFA clash against BK Copenhagen, went down 2-0 in the return in Denmark.

Motherwell were left to rue a 60th minute goal from Dariusz Rzeznicek, which squeezed the visitors into the next round on the 'away-goals' rule. They had set off at an electrifying pace and were rewarded with a 29th minute goal from Steve Kirk, who headed home after his first effort had been blocked.

On the hour, however, Chris McCall was led off bleeding badly from a gashed head and, before the Scottish Cup holders could reshuffle, Rzeznicek equalised.

Nick Cusack headed Motherwell back in front with four minutes left and Kirk grabbed a second in injury time. But it was too little, too late.

Aberdeen held on well through an evenly-fought first-

half, but Copenhagen eventually clinched things with goals from Johansen (57) and Jensen (87).

Other British clubs met with mixed fortunes.

**LIVERPOOL'S NIGHTMARE**

Forgotten Englishman Mike Belfield made Liverpool's return to Europe a nightmare by securing a shock 1-0 win for Finnish part-timers Kuusysi Lahti in the UEFA Cup.

The 30-year-old former Wimbledon player lifted himself above Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobelaar to head home a goal that will make him a legend in his adopted country.

Liverpool, 6-1 winners at Anfield, wasted opportunities in a return which left manager Graeme Souness with still more injury worries.

Dean Saunders, scorer of four goals in the first leg, could not start because his knee and thigh injuries have worsened and England 'B' defender David Burrows limped off after 20 minutes with a knee injury.

Liverpool, playing their first Cup game on the continent since the Heysel disaster in 1985, were flustered by the Finns' cheeky style and obstinate defending.

Ian Rush had chances to get some of the three goals he needs to equal Roger Hunt's

Liverpool record of 17 in Europe, but shot wide or saw them blocked.

Liverpool's other expensive attackers - Ronnie Rosenthal and Mark Walters - were ineffectual in a generally sorry performance.

The killer blow for Liverpool came after 65 minutes - Rami Ratanen sending over a high cross, and Grobelaar making the mistake by committing himself and then failing to get the ball. Belfield ended up heading into an empty goal.

**MAN UNITED WIN**

Manchester United won an 'extra-time' battle to stay on course to retain the European Cup Winners Cup.

After 199 minutes without a goal against plucky Athinaikos of Greece, Manchester's Welsh international striker Mark Hughes finally broke the deadlock.

United eventually won the match and tie 2-0.

Hughes, whose two goals won last May's final against Barcelona, volleyed home from 10 yards after Gary Pallister headed down a Steve Bruce centre.

And two minutes later Scottish international Brian McLair broke free to seal the match.

Arsenal stumbled to their first defeat in six games away

to Austria Vienna but still made it into the second round of the Champions' Cup. They had won the first-leg at Highbury 6-1.

A moment of desperation by defender Andy Linighan in the 78th minute cost Arsenal the penalty that allowed Peter Stoger to clinch the Austrian win.

Wednesdays' match taught George Graham's England champions they still have a lot to learn about European strategy after a nine-year absence.

Had the Austrians been sharper in front of goal they would have made more serious inroads into the unassailable lead Arsenal carried into the Prater Stadium.

Graham left out winger Anders Limpar to accommodate David O'Leary as sweeper and urged his side to treat the game as an exercise in caution and patience. But they were so restrained that a front-line, buoyant after 20 goals in the previous five matches, had barely a couple of sniffs at the Austrian goal.

**SPURS SCRAPE THRU**

Tottenham Hotspur made heavy weather of reaching the second round of the Cup Winners' Cup but eventually edged through with a nervy 2-0 victory over 10-man Hajduk Split.

Two goals in the opening 14 minutes steered the FA Cup holders to their 2-1 aggregate success, but they should have scored more goals after the Yugoslav's midfield player Mario Novakovic was sent off just before the break.

Tottenham, 1-0 down after the first leg, were level after just six minutes when central defender David Tuttle volleyed home a dreadful headed clearance from Slaven Bilic. It was his first senior goal for the London club.

Eight minutes later Spurs stormed 2-0 in front when Scotland's striker Gordon Durie blasted home a half-volley from the edge of the area.

Tottenham goalkeeper Erik Thorstvedt, unexpectedly recalled when Ian Walker fell ill a few hours before the match, made a superb save to keep out a wayward clearance by Gary Mabbutt. And the big Norwegian had to thank the big workman when Steve Sedgley headed a corner against his own crossbar in the 35th minute.

Dutch Cup Winners' Cup representative Feyenoord left things late and looked as though they might fall victim to a major 'giant-killing' performance by Albania's partisan Tirana.

Having been held 0-0 in the away leg, Feyenoord had to

wait for a goal from Bosz just three minutes before the final whistle in Rotterdam to clinch a second-round berth.

**GRASSHOPPERS SHOCKED**

Experienced campaigners Anderlecht surprised Grasshopper Zurich in a Champions' Cup return in Switzerland. Having been held 1-1 at home the Belgian side turned things round with a 3-0 win in Zurich - Nils scoring a hat-trick.

Elsewhere things went much as expected and there were plenty of big aggregate scorelines.

In the Champions' Cup, last year's French finalists Marseille and Portuguese giants Benfica both had aggregate 10-0 victories.

Marseille, who put five goals past US Luxembourg away two weeks ago, did the same again in the return match in France.

And Benfica added another four goals in Lisbon to the six they scored away to Malta's Hamrun Spartans.

Athletic Madrid hammered Norwegian side Fyllingen Bergen 7-2 for an 8-2 aggregate win in the Cup Winners' Cup, and Torino gave Italians some cheer with a 6-1 home win over FC Reykjavik of Iceland for an 8-1 overall triumph in the UEFA Cup.